

THE CRANE-KRIEG-FLORY CO.

HARDWARE - PAINTS

NEWARK, OHIO

February 23rd 1940.

Dear William:

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We have had a busy time since you left home and have made quite a number of changes in the house by switching things around. We got the two tables of Sarah's finished and we have one on either side of the fireplace in the front room. Brought up the piano from the country and took ours down. We have the nose of the piano behind the east door going into the front hall and it looks very nice. It was the only place we could get it in for putting it in the other corner made it come too close to the fireplace. The davenport is where the old piano was and the table in the center of the room we moved to your room. Moved the hepplewhite desk to where your desk stood and moved yours to the hall above stairs where the old book case stood. The bookcase we gave to the church. The play house was moved to the back porch and we will put Sarah's tall clock where that stood. Also took the two squatty upholstered chairs to the farm with the piano and brought over [the] two that Sarah had. We had her rug cleaned and put i[t] in the dining room. It is a rose color and makes the furniture in the dining room look 100% better. Moved the mission bookcase that stood by the side door and put a nice little stand in its place. We did most of this work yesterday as Sarah was out of school. Janie was down last evening for supper and was very much thrilled with the change. I think that she and Sarah will get along just fine for they like one another very much. Dorothy has taken a room with Mrs. Alice Thome at 314 Mt. Vernon Road. I am very thankful for this as she is rather difficult to get along with and she was not overly nice to Sarah. Sarah is most happy as am I and I know that we will have a most happy time together.

Mary Follet Anderson died on Monday night and was buried yesterday afternoon, we both went to the funeral. It is a blessing she is gone as she was suffering quite a great deal for the past month or two.

We have had plenty of snow even since you left home. It is well cleared off now and I hope that it will be the last for we have had one heck of a winter.

Sarah has not heard from Betty for six weeks now and I hope that the letter that you took over will reach her promptly. We are sorry that you did not get to go to Basel as you might have had a better chance to have gotten to her. We are all wondering if the British stopped the *Washington* at Gibraltar. There was nothing in the papers about it except that the Germans were going after it if the British took her into port.

George is still unable to do anything his arm is doing very well and the doctor took off the bandages today. I imagine that it will be several weeks before he can use it. Betty and Rod were very much pleased with the chairs and the mirror. We have not been up to see them yet but will go soon.

What did you do about the radio, did you find one when you were in New York[?] Suppose all the things you had sent to Basel will be forwarded to you. I am enclosing the memo B/L as you may need it. Also a letter to you that I opened but could not have read if I had wished to.

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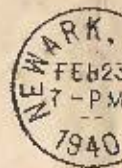
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NEWARK, OHIO.



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